

## Weekly Video Update, March 21, 2022

### **Anthony Vegnani, Select Board Member**

Annual Town Meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup> and he encourages all to attend at 7 PM. Topics include: Water Treatment Plant, changes in by laws for recreational marijuana, Budget, Capital plan, and wind turbine curtailment.

### **Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator**

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week (not including yesterday) according to our MAVEN data was 8, equal to the 8 of last week. Numbers continue to drop from week to week. The total number of cases reported to the BOH, including home tests over the last two weeks was 15, also equal to the 15 reported last week. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days at 1.36%, down from 1.50% of last week. Plymouth County is at 1.75%, down from 2.2% of last week. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 1.68% almost exactly the same as the previous week of 1.67

At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense then not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not been vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details.

2. Renovations/expansion to the Widow's Walk clubhouse continue. We awarded the contract to The Hibernian Tavern to run the concessions. The Course is closed to walkers as the grounds crew prepares the course for opening on April 1.
3. The Scituate Water Division is scheduled to complete necessary maintenance work on the Granular Activated Carbon Filter at the Old Oaken Bucket Water Treatment Plant. Carbon Filtration is a critical component of the drinking water purification process at our treatment plant. To perform the work the Water Treatment Plant must be taken offline during the duration of the project. Water from Well 17A with the new Greensand Filter Plant will be utilized to help meet the daily water demands while the Treatment Plant is offline. This maintenance is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup>. During this time frame the Scituate Water Division is issuing a **Full Ban** on all outdoor water use. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.
4. It is an earlier pot hole season this year with the large amount of snow followed by warm days and cold nights. That's perfect pot hole weather! Crews will be out all week filling potholes and making temporary repairs. Reports of potholes should go to either the highway department (545-8734) or DPW office (545-8732).
5. The Scituate food pantry will be hosting an open house on Friday May 25 from 3-6pm at the Food Pantry located in the old gates school at 327 First Parish Road. Visitors will receive refreshments and a tour of the new and expanded facility. The food pantry fills a

great need in this community so stop by and see the operation. You will be amazed at the good work that they do.

6. Parade was awesome! Great weather and great crowds of people enjoying a fantastic event! Thanks to Ed Kelly and his crew for once again putting on a great parade. Special shout out to the Coast Guard for the really cool helicopter fly over during the event. Thank you to Scituate!

### **Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools**

Covid Update: the District had 6 cases 2 weeks ago, and 8 cases last week

District Staff	0
Cushing	0
Hatherly	0
Jenkins	4
Wampatuck	1
High School	2
Gates	1

Mr. Burkhead thanked all who came out to his second Seaside Chat event on March 15<sup>th</sup>. About 50 came out and each session lasted about 2.5 hours. He thanked the Senior Center for hosting the event. He said if you weren't able to make it, please feel free to reach out to him.

Next School Committee Meeting is Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Highlights include the MSBA Hatherly School project. He congratulated all winter sports teams as the season concluded. Basketball and Hockey made it to the final four, but lost last week. They had a tremendous season! Spring sports starts today.

Sailor shout out to Mr. Daryl David who has been filling in as the interim Metco director. He recently added another bus for Boston students so they have an after- school bus, a 4:30PM and a 6:00 PM bus.

Mr. Vegnani thanked all the parade organizers for a great parade on Sunday. He also said what a great winter sports season the kids had and looks forward to a great spring season.